

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
March 24, 1987

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges met at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 1987, in Room 502A, Sillers Building, Jackson. Members present were:

Wes Burkhardt, Jr.	H. J. Pearson
Herdia Cauthen	Malcolm Phillips
Thomas E. Childs, Jr.	Susan Purdy
Jean-Marie Hill	William Terrell

Members absent were Bettye Applewhite and Bertha Daniels. Staff in attendance included William H. Bunch and George V. Moody. Chairman Tom Childs presided.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

A summary on legislative action was distributed and discussed by Clyde Muse. Materials were distributed which revealed that the junior colleges had fully complied with legislative intent expressed or implied in previous appropriation bills.

ASSOCIATION REPORT

Clyde Muse represented Clois Cheatham, new chairman of the Mississippi Junior College Association, and reported that:

- State Board members were invited to a conference on economic development, April 2.
- The Association will study the allocation formula and make recommendations.
- A committee will review and describe duties of Association officers and recommend to the Association the process of change of its official secretary-treasurer.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

The State Board heard reports from its members on the information needs to describe and account for the legislatively mandated mission of the state system and the prescribed responsibilities of the State Board.

The Board recessed at 5:20 p.m. until Wednesday morning.

STATE BOARD RECONVENED

The State Board of Community and Junior Colleges reconvened at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 25, 1987, in Room 502A, Sillers Building, Jackson. Member Bertha Daniels joined with the members who were present on Tuesday afternoon. All members except Bettye Applewhite were present. Ruth Ingram and staff members were present.

Management information needs were continued.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The State Board received copies of the following information which was briefly discussed.

- Compilation of Junior College Laws
- Report of Five-Year Plan Task Force (1985)
- Summary of Value of Buildings: 1986
- Faculty Salaries, SREB State and Mississippi: 1977-87

SCHOLARS RECOGNITION

The 1987 Junior College Scholars Bowl State Champions, representing East Central Junior College, were introduced:

Chris Collins
Mark Eldridge
Kevin Thompson
Bob Weidler

Upon motion by Susan Purdy and a host of seconds, the State Board commended the team for its accomplishments and authorized a letter of commendation to be sent to each member and the college.

OTHER BUSINESS

A letter from Lucy A. Hansford was presented concerning tuition breaks for college age children of professional staff and faculty of junior colleges. A motion was made by William Terrell that the Director correspond with Miss Hansford that the State Board felt the proposal has merit for consideration by the local boards of trustees, whose authority and responsibility includes establishment of policies for junior college employees. The motion was seconded by Susan Purdy and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Susan Purdy, seconded by Jean-Marie Hill, and carried unanimously that the regular meeting date of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges be changed to the third Thursday of each month. The change will facilitate periodic meetings with representatives of the boards for public schools and for universities.

The State Board recognized the significant role of the junior college system in economic and human development in the state and upon motion by Susan Purdy and second by Herdia Cauthen, encouraged and authorized attendance by members at the conference on economic development, April 2.

A motion by Wes Burkhardt, seconded by William Terrell, passed unanimously to authorize the chairman of the State Board to become a director of the Mississippi Junior College Economic Development Foundation.

The State Board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m., and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Visitors attending included Barry Mellinger, Ed Evans, Ed Blakely, McKinley Martin, Elwyn Wheat, Bill Blasingame, and Kermit Nations. The invocation was given by Barry Mellinger.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24-25, 1987 MEETING

Susan Purdy moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 24-25, 1987, be approved as corrected to reflect the correct date and an editorial change to read "assistance for general coordination" on page 1. The motion was seconded by H. J. Pearson and carried unanimously.

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

An application for approval to establish a degree program in Electronics Power Plant program, CIP 15.0303, at Jefferson Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College District was discussed by Barry Mellinger, Ed Blakely, and Elwyn Wheat. Elwyn Wheat described the program as potential for the critical skill category and expressed support for the proposal. A motion by H. J. Pearson, seconded by Malcolm Phillips, passed unanimously to approve the establishment of the program as presented.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Malcolm Phillips reported that the statutes authorize and direct the State Board to disburse state funds for the junior colleges, and moved approval of the April 1987 disbursement to the fifteen junior college districts. This motion was seconded by Bertha Daniels, and carried unanimously. A copy of the disbursement schedule was distributed and is maintained in the office of the Director.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REQUEST

The State Board reviewed a compilation of capital improvement projects which had been prepared and approved by local junior colleges and their boards of trustees to be submitted to the Bureau of Buildings. A motion was made by Jean-Marie Hill and seconded by Malcolm Phillips to approve transmittal of the requests from the junior college districts with the understanding that in the event of state appropriations are made for this purpose the State Board would have opportunity for further review and approval of the individual projects. The motion carried with Susan Purdy voting nay. The State Board expressed intent that a process for review of the requests be established for future submissions.

There being no additional items for consideration, the State Board adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

By: George V. Moody
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Approved: Thomas E. Childs, Jr.
Thomas E. Childs, Jr., Chairman

Date: April 16, 1987